

p472 Johanna Christine Handberg Nicol was born in Odense, Fyen, Denmark, March 11, 1839. She was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints December 14, 1850. Seven years later she had accumulated enough funds through hard work to join the company of converts who left Copenhagen April 18, 1857 for America. When the ship docked in New York harbor Johanna, with other Danish Saints, went by rail to Iowa City, Iowa where she joined the handcart company captained by C. C. A. Christiansen. On

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September 13, 1857, after a long and wearisome journey, the company arrived in Salt Lake City.

On the 11th of March, 1858 Johanna became the wife of Thomas Nicol, a widower with one child who lived in Heber City. The family moved to Moroni, Sanpete County for a time and then returned to Heber in 1861, where the remainder of her life was spent. During that same year, first an epidemic of scarlet fever and then diphtheria broke out in the small community taking the lives of three of her four children. They were all buried in a single grave. Although heartbroken at the loss of her own children Johanna worked unceasingly to save the lives of others. Realizing her lack of medical training it was then her sincere desire to take the course in nursing and obstetrics being taught by Dr. Romania Pratt Penrose in Salt Lake City. Soon she was selected to go as the representative from Wasatch County. During the months the course was in progress she studied hard and earnestly and when it was completed and the examination passed, she was given a certificate to practice.

After Johanna's return to Heber City her services were in great demand. She soon acquired a horse and buggy of her own for use during the summer months and a one-horse sleigh for winter driving. Every call was answered religiously although zero weather was common during the winter months in that area. "Aunt Hannah," as she was called, was a woman of great faith and she instilled confidence in her patients. She knew no fear and drove alone night or day to any of the seven towns in Wasatch County. For many years she was the leading midwife in the county having nine hundred births to her credit.

Mrs. Nicol was the mother of eleven children of her own and also reared a step-daughter, Dora, who was an invalid for many years. Even in the coldest weather Johanna, with a lantern in her hand, trudged to Dora's home to make her comfortable for the night. During all her years of service to other people her own family was never neglected, for motherhood was a sacred obligation to Johanna. She was extremely resourceful and when she found cases of privation she went to the homes of the more fortunate and secured food and clothing for those in need. Often she took her own medicines made from herbs gathered in the nearby canyons, and oatmeal gruel which helped the patient regain strength. Within her white-fenced lot grew lilacs, roses, pinks, larkspur, the sweet scented bergamot and other varieties and with these she gladdened the hearts of her patients. Her lovely bouquets also gave comfort in times of sorrow.

— Ida M. Kirkham

## Hannah Nicol - Midwife

She was one of 4 young girls came across the plains in the same wagon train. Many older people became ill & these 4 girls used to nurse them & decided to spend their lives doing this -

Sealing : \_\_\_\_\_

#9 Child Birth/Chr : \_\_\_\_\_  
Marriage : \_\_\_\_\_  
Death/Bur : \_\_\_\_\_  
LDS Bapt : \_\_\_\_\_  
Endowment : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sealing : \_\_\_\_\_

#10 Child Birth/Chr : \_\_\_\_\_  
Marriage : \_\_\_\_\_  
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## HUSBAND

Thomas NICOL

healed sick

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. 11 Mar 1858 Place Endowment House, SLCU  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (1)

1842 Elizabeth WATSON (3) 1 Dec 1864 Johanna Kirsten JENSEN

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

## WIFE (2)

Johanna Christine HANBERG

Born 11 Mar 1839 Place Odense, Fyen, Denmark  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	
	Given Names	SURNAME	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	
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2										1863
3										1863
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5										
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

Wife called "Aunt Hannah"

Husband

Wife

Thomas NICOL  
Johanna Christine HANBERGWard  
Examiners:1.  
2.Stake or  
Mission

THOMAS NICOL



TO WIFE

LDS ORDINANCE DATA

BAPTIZED (Date)

ENDOWED (Date)

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
WIFE TO HUSBAND

HUSBAND

WIFE

14 Dec 1850

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
CHILDREN TO PARENTSBuried in  
one GraveHanah  
Nicols